

Flight Jacket

Vol. 2, No. 38

Sept. 29, 2000

Proudly Serving the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar Community

Super Stallions return to flight

'361 first to resume business as usual

By Cpl. Carolyn S. Sittig

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

The Marines of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 361 here became the first Marine Corps' squadron to have the CH-53E "Super Stallion" flying, Sept. 15, after nearly a month-long hiatus.

The Naval Air Systems Command grounded the helicopters over safety concerns resulting from the investigation of the Aug. 10 mishap of a Navy MH-53E Super Stallion off the Gulf of Mexico. According to the initial investigator's report, duplex bearings inside the aircraft's swashplate froze up, preventing the aircraft's rotor from turning.

Naval Air Systems Command decided the swashplates on all 53s should be replaced with an improved swashplate system.

In addition to new swashplates, a Bearing Monitor System had to

be installed in each MH-53E and CH-53E before it could resume flight.

Aside from installing the BMS, the Sikorsky team also had to train pilots and aircrew to use the system. The new system constantly monitors temperatures and vibration levels of the bearings among several other things, said Capt. Dave Bergum, HMH-361 assistant aircraft maintenance officer and pilot.

"It's a real-time, real-world indication that the swashplate or the bearings maybe failing," said Bergum.

Until the BMS was installed, a crew had no warnings in the cockpit to indicate there were problems with the swashplate bearings.

Prior to the new system, in order to test the bearings after every 25 hours of helo flight a lengthy

See '361, page 9



photo by Cpl. Carolyn S. Sittig

A CH-53E Super Stallion prepares for take-off Sept. 15. The Marine Corps has allowed seven 53's to begin flying again after being grounded for nearly a month. The Naval Air Systems Command grounded the helicopters over concerns of the safety of the aircraft's swashplate duplex bearing and is replacing it with an improved system.

3d MAW prepares to go afloat

By Staff Sgt. Ted L. Hansen

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

PORT HUENEMME, Calif. — About 100 Marines from all four 3d Marine Aircraft Wing Marine aviation logistics squadrons deployed here from their home stations to conduct a loading exercise of the Wing's aviation logistics support ship, the SS Curtiss, Sept. 10-22.

The Curtiss is one of two "Wright class" civilian ships purchased for the Marine Corps in 1982 that have been retrofitted to facilitate the capability to assemble a composite fixed-wing, rotary-wing MALS afloat to support Marine ground forces deployed as specified in certain operational orders, according to Maj. Robert M. Ehnou, MALS-16 Operations officer.

Marines from a wide variety of MALS assignments worked aboard the ship in two shifts, training for five days each.

"I've got Marines who do office and paperwork doing the job of a professional ship's crew," said Gunnery Sgt. Brian Milton, MALS-16 Avionics, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif. The Curtiss crew trained and supervised MALS Marines in every aspect of the complex ship loading



photo by Staff Sgt. Ted L. Hansen

Sgt. Anthony Durante, calibration technician, MALS-13, MCAS Yuma, Ariz. loads a van onto the deck of the SS Curtiss as line handlers move into steady the load during the 3d MAW loading exercise at Port Huenemme, Calif., Sept. 10-22.

process. Milton said each of the mobile work spaces, called Mobile Maintenance Facilities, had to be strategically loaded according to the activity it would support and the needed utility support such as ventilation, the availability of running water and the weight of equipment repaired in the work center.

"If a mistake is made and it's not caught quickly it can result in a costly loss of support capabilities," said Milton.

Crews worked to load and offload 16

See 3d MAW, page 9

E-ideas to improve government efficiency may lead to rewards

By Sandra Jontz

Washington bureau

WASHINGTON — Cash rewards totaling \$55,000 are up for grabs for anyone who comes up with an electronic idea that could improve the effectiveness of government services.

The Washington, D.C.-based Council for Excellence in Government is sponsoring a contest geared primarily toward federal employees who can come up with an "e-government" idea to make all levels of government more efficient, user-friendly and cost-effective, said Steve Cochran, vice president for technology.

What kind of e-government ideas are they looking for?

Well, just about anything that would make life easier for the average person,

Cochran said.

For example, an idea could be a computer program that would let a person who just moved use the Internet to change an address with the Social Security Administration, the U.S. Post Office, a state Department of Motor Vehicles, a local school district and a jurisdiction's tax office — all in one log-on session and at one Internet site, Cochran said.

"We want to be able to drill down all the layers of government and bundle those services and make them much more accessible and available," he said.

The mission of the Council for Excellence in Government, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, is two-fold. It aims to help government at all levels operate more

See E-ideas, page 10

IN THE News

Miramar drill team in the works page 2

Stay Marine — a new MOS could get a bonus page 2

Station library goes on-line page 3

Features

Gunny exemplifies Marine Corps leadership page 8

Sports

Jaguars sweep season undefeated page 6

Volunteers sought to form drill team

By Cpl. Micheal O. Foley

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

Marine Corps Air Station Miramar may soon have a drill team.

Lt. Col. Tommy L. Hester, Provost Marshal, MCAS Miramar, is in the initial stages of putting together a precision drill team to showcase the Marines of Miramar to the surrounding community and boost morale on base.

Since the team has not started forming yet, it is wide open for anyone to volunteer.

"I would like to have 50 active members," said Hester. "That will give us a 40-person platoon. We will have 10 extra for supernumeries in case someone gets sick, takes leave, goes TAD, or PCSes."

Hester is also looking for a platoon commander, either a lieutenant or captain, and a platoon sergeant, either a staff sergeant or a gunnery sergeant. He will also need some technical advisors and coordinators in the senior staff NCO or officer ranks. Unlike the Silent Drill Platoon that performs at Marine Barracks 8th and I, this team will be open to Marines shorter than 5 feet 10 inches as well as female Marines.

Where the drill team will perform and who they will perform for depends on the professionalism of the team and the desires of Maj. Gen. William G. Bowdon, command-



The US Marine Corps Silent Drill Team performs at the Marine Barracks 8th and I.

ing general, Marine Corps Air Bases Western Area and Maj. Gen. Charles F. Bolden, commanding general, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing.

"Since we hope to have Marines from the station as well as the wing, this will be a partnership that can benefit varying areas whether we are talking about representation to the installation or even the Corps. I would imagine that Marine Corps Ball festivities is a possibility as is the annual air show. I know we are asked on occasion to do things for opening events at professional football and baseball games, so those too are possi-

bilities."

Before the team can perform, the team must make sure it is ready, which means a lot of practice ahead.

"We will not represent this installation or perhaps taint the image of the Corps from lack of preparation," said Hester. "We will not do any performance unless it can be done professionally. It could take a short time of two or three months, or it could take a year or more to prepare. It will depend on if we are performing close order drill only or a

See **Drill**, page 10

Residents of Miramar Brig warn potential neighbors

By Cpl. Kristopher S. Haloj

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

The 3d Marine Aircraft Wing in collaboration with Marine Corps Bases Western Area, sponsored a drug prevention and awareness seminar at the station theater Sept. 22.

Unlike most drug awareness classes here, where counselors speak to the Marines and Sailors about drugs in the military without having personally gone through the trials of drug use, the speakers were Marines and Sailors currently serving time in the Naval Consolidated Brig here for drug related incidents.

Each of the speakers told the story of how drugs ruined their lives. No two stories where the same but all had the same result.

"I was an outstanding Marine, the go-to person. But I had a secret, I was addicted to methamphetamines," said Pvt. Johanne

Kallmyer, prisoner in the NAVCON Brig here.

According to Kallmyer, she used drugs her entire enlistment in the Corps. She thought no one knew about her habit until she was arrested after an eight-month investigation by Naval Criminal Investigative Services. With nine days left until her end of active service, being a female and three months pregnant, she thought the judge in her court martial would be lenient. Actually, she said she thought the whole thing was a joke.

"I remember walking into the court room, looking at my mom and saying it's okay. This will be over in a couple hours. I'll be all right and through with all of this military stuff. Well, the military judge thought of things differently," said Kallmyer. "He found me guilty of use and distribution of methamphetamines. He reduced me from E-5 to E-1, gave me forfeiture of all paid allowances, a

dishonorable discharge and 10 years in confinement."

By the time Kallmyer was sentenced, she was more than six-months pregnant. One day and a half after her child's birth, the baby was taken away from her and given to her parents to raise. If Kallmyer serves her entire sentence, her child will be more than nine years old before she can take her rightful place in the child's life.

The purpose of the prisoners talking was not to scare the Marines and Sailors who attended, but to show them the reality of using and distributing drugs.

Seaman Joseph Watson, prisoner in the NAVCON Brig, incarcerated for the trafficking, use and distribution of illegal drugs, said he fell into the world of drugs. One day someone asked him to traffic a shipment from Mexico. The next thing he knew he was

See **Consequences**, page 10

A new MOS could get you a bonus

By Gordon Lubold

Marine Times

Marines who want to make a lateral move into a new job never used to rate a bonus.

But the Marine Corps announced Sept. 12 that it would continue the lateral move bonus program, aimed at drawing junior Marines into re-enlisting into a short military occupational specialty with the promise of cold cash. And in some cases, a lot of it.

"The MOSs that are included in the lat move bonus program are critically short, and we're willing to offer Marines a chance for a lat move and a chance for a bonus as well," said Capt. Michael Cody, who heads the re-enlistment unit at Marine Corps Headquarters, Quantico, Va.

Marines considering a lateral move into four MOSs — hundreds are potentially eligible — may rate bonuses according to the multiples listed in the current selective re-enlistment bonus program. In the intelligence field, for example, the program is offered for the counterintelligence specialist, 0211, imagery interpretation specialist, 0241, and interrogation-translation specialist, 0251.

These three MOSs are experiencing serious shortages: the 0211 MOS is manned only to about 60 percent of its target goal, the 0241 MOS is about 81 percent manned, and the 0251 MOS is at about 60 percent of its manning goal. In all, there are about 4,200 Marines in the intelligence MOSs.

The lateral move bonus program also is being offered to technical controllers in the 2823 MOS.

For Marines re-enlisting into the 2823 MOS, for example, the money is considerable. Under the program, a Marine sergeant with six years in the Corps could re-enlist and lat move into the 2823 MOS and rate a \$33,820 bonus. The cap for Zone A Marines, however, would limit the payment to \$30,000 when they successfully completed the school. The Corps' new

See **Retention**, page 10

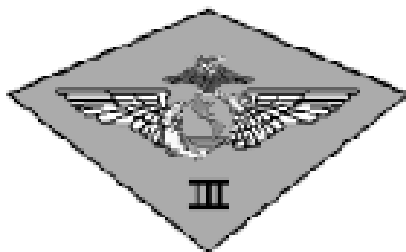
Flight Jacket



**Maj. Gen.
Charles F. Bolden Jr.**
Commanding
General
3d Marine Aircraft Wing

**Maj. Gen.
William G. Bowdon**
Commander,
Marine Corps Air Bases
Western Area

Maj. Stephen H. Kay
Director, Public Affairs Office
Capt. Rebecca Goodrich-Hinton
Deputy Director, Public Affairs Office
1st Lt. Edward J. Morales
Managing Editor
Cpl. David Hercher
Internal Information Chief, Editor
Cpl. Carolyn S. Sittig
Assistant Editor
Sgt. Troy M. Ruby
Cpl. Micheal O. Foley
Cpl. Kristopher S. Haloj
Cpl. Scott Whittington
Combat Correspondents



The *Flight Jacket* is published every Friday at no cost to the government by Military Guides, a private firm in no way connected with the Department of the Navy or the U.S. Marine Corps under an exclusively written contract with the U.S. Marine Corps.

This civilian enterprise newspaper is an authorized publication for the military services, contents of the *Flight Jacket* are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by the U.S. Government, the Department of Defense, the Department of the Navy, or the U.S. Marine Corps. It is for informational purposes only and in no way should be considered directive in nature. The editorial content is edited, prepared and provided by the Public Affairs Office.

The appearance of advertising in this publication, including inserts or supplements, does not constitute endorsement by the Department of Defense, or the Military Guides, of the products or service advertised.

Everything advertised in this publication must be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation, or any other nonmerit factor of the purchaser, user or patron.

All queries concerning news and editorial content should be directed to the *Flight Jacket*, Public Affairs Office, MCAS Miramar, (858) 577-4335. All queries concerning business matters, display ads, or paid classified ads should be directed to Military Guides, 9580 Black Mountain Road Suite C, San Diego, California 92126, or (858) 547-7343.

Parking lots found to be a safety hotspot

By Sgt. Troy M. Ruby

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

When discussing dangerous driving locations, parking lots may not stand out, but according to statistics compiled by the station safety office, parking lots aboard MCAS Miramar are at the top of the list.

“All parking lots are hotspots,” said Gunnery Sgt. David Ward, a safety specialist assigned to station safety. “Between October 1999 and August 2000, there were 48 backing accidents in personally owned vehicles, and of those, almost all occurred in parking lots.”

According to Ward, the trend does not end with POV’s. In government vehicles there were 24 backing accidents out of 54 total with most of these, also occurring in parking lots. That figures out to be 44.4 percent. Not paying attention while backing up is a major factor to all the backing accidents in parking lots, he added.

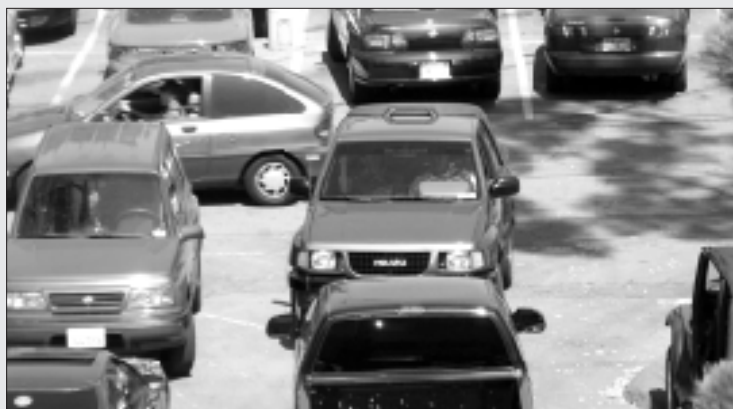
“As they’re backing, they’re still putting on their seatbelt, talking on cell phones, talking to their passenger. Simply put, not paying attention is a major reason for these accidents,” said Ward.

In addition, the constant movement of traffic and pedestrians in parking lots adds to the need for additional attention while

backing up. “I think people need to have a defensive frame of mind as soon as they get behind the wheel. Always scan the area they are about to enter, even if they have already checked, look again just to make sure. It doesn’t take any longer and it helps protect both yourself and others,” said Ward.

Training is also a big key to defensive driving and for some it is even required to drive on base. “The driver improvement course is required for all personnel under the age of 26,” said Daniel Jaquez a base safety instructor. “It helps enlighten people on things they should be paying attention to, such as hazards, how to identify them and then how to avoid them.”

Jaquez added that interested active duty members can still attend the class even if they are not required to. “One of the biggest things we need to do is get involved in the lives of our troops. In the morning, wait outside and do a seatbelt survey to see who is and who isn’t wearing their seatbelts, for those people on motorcycles, are they wearing appropriate safety gear? It’s not a disciplinary issue, just a good leadership tool,” said Jaquez. “Taking an individual interest in the safety of our troops will help alleviate a lot of these problems.”



Backing up in parking lots leads to a list of accidents aboard MCAS Miramar. Paying attention is the key to safe backing.

photo by Sgt. Troy M. Ruby

Station library goes on-line

By Cpl. Kristopher S. Haloj

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

Patrons of the library here can now browse the catalog of books without leaving the comforts of their own home.

Recently, the Miramar Community Library has banded with the 15 other Marine Corps community libraries from around the Corps to give people access to the card catalogs via the Internet.

The plan to put Miramar’s library on the Internet, and all other community libraries in the Marine Corps, began at an integrated library system computer training class at Marine Corps Base Quantico Va., in June. Representatives from every community library in the Corps learned how to create a web page for their library.

The biggest advantage Marines will have in getting the libraries on-line is the card catalog will be available to them wherever they can get on a computer, according to Addie Ross, station librarian here.

“Usually a person has to come into the library if they need to find a book, get on a computer, if they don’t have a computer cataloging system they’ll have to go through the old card catalog system, but most libraries don’t have that system anymore.

Now if he or she doesn’t have time to physically come to the library, he or she can just click on our Web site and see if we have what they’re looking for,” said Ross.

The Web site displays a main page listing all of the Marine Corps Installations that have a Web page for their community library.

Clicking on an installation, for example Camp Pendleton, will bring up Camp Pendleton’s web page.

Each installation’s page contains information on library events, miscellaneous information and a catalog of everything the library has in stock, from audio cassettes to books.

Interested parties can find more information at <http://library.usmc-mccs.org/> or for more information concerning the Web site call Addie Ross at 577-8974.

Muscular Dystrophy Association

Carter Family's Next Tour of Duty: MDA's National Ambassadors

Courtesy of Jacquelyn R. Ostrom

NHA Clipsheet

As a master sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps, Ken Carter is used to traveling to far-away places to take on challenging missions.

But this year, he and his family are undertaking a new type of assignment. The Carters — Ken and Traci, and their children Lauren and Dalton — are touring the nation as Muscular Dystrophy Association's National Goodwill Ambassador family.

The Carters, who live at Camp Pendleton in Oceanside, Calif., became involved with MDA not long after they learned that Lauren has spinal muscular atrophy, a progressive motor neuron disease that causes weakness in the arms, legs and torso.

Lauren was just a toddler at the time, and Ken, a Marine for 19 years, was stationed in Japan when he received the news. The Carters were devastated, but found vital information and reassurance from MDA, and plenty of support from within their military "family."

The Carters have networked with other military families with children who have disabilities. The Marines' Exceptional Family Member program ensures that, while Ken can be sent anywhere, the rest of the family will stay where their medical needs can be met.

Today, Lauren is a delightful 8-year-old who enjoys reading, drawing, playing with



Courtesy of Muscular Dystrophy Association

Ken Carter, a master sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps, and his 8-year-old daughter Lauren, are helping MDA fight neuromuscular diseases. The Muscular Dystrophy Association participates in the Combined Federal Campaign as a member of Community Health Charities federation.

Barbie dolls and listening to CDs. She uses a bright pink power wheelchair to get around, participates in Brownies and enjoys playing with friends and her younger brother, 5-year-old Dalton. Lauren holds the official title of MDA National Goodwill Ambassador.

The Carters are also traveling to MDA sponsored events around the nation, and will appear on the Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon on Labor Day weekend.

Lauren will save a week for MDA sum-

See **CFC**, page 10

Disco boogie —

At the car wash



Dressed down in his funkier attire, Staff Sgt. Daryl Clark boogies to get passersby to stop at the Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron staff non-commissioned officer's car wash here Sept. 14, on the corner of Elrod and Gonzales Avenue. The car wash earned more than \$735 for the Marine Corps Ball fund.

photo by Cpl. Kristopher S. Haloj

Safety office wants to hear Marines' stories

The safety office is seeking stories about Marines who have had a traffic mishap or a near miss. For more information, call Linda Jackowski at 577 - 1356.

Safety needs to be addressed on the golf course

Marines are reminded that they should not be running throughout the gold course and conducting daily exercises. Instead, they should stay on the designated physical fitness route.

Sick leave regulations change

The sick leave policy has been expanded for federal employees as of June 20. Employees may take up to 12 days of sick leave each year to care for a family member, spouse, brother, sister or any individual related by blood. However, if that employee has already taken the allotted 13 days, that time must be deducted from the 12 weeks. They cannot take 13 days in addition to the 12 weeks. For more information, call Debbie at 577 - 1250 or Stacey at 577 - 1330.

Base Education Center has new electronic response system

The station Education Center has a new e-mail address to respond to patron's questions. Their e-mail address is OMBEC. All questions should be answered within one working day. For more information, call (858) 577-1801.

Parenting classes offered

The Marine New Parent Support Program is holding several parenting classes for all Miramar personnel including active duty, retired, DoD civilians and their spouses. Baby Boot Camp is the fourth Wednesday and Thursday of each month from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. This class teaches the basics of caring for an infant. Mom's Basic Training is a six-week course for expectant or new mothers on infant care. Interested people should call for dates and times of this class. Small Wonders is an eight-week class for parents of toddlers and preschoolers. It is offered Tuesdays from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Murphy Canyon Chapel classroom. For more information about classes, call (858) 577 - 9812.

Museum seeks volunteers

The Flying Leatherneck Museum is looking for volunteers to assist with the museum's gift shop. For more information, call (858) 693-1723 or (949) 643-1802.

MCA scheduled to come to MCAS Miramar

Representatives from the Marine Corps Association will be coming to MCAS Miramar during their West Coast Visit and Primary Military Education. Here are the dates and locations:

- Oct. 2, at 2 p.m. PME on MCA at the

MCAS Miramar Base Theatre, for all available Marines at Miramar

- Oct. 3, at 9:30 a.m. PME on MCA at the MCB Camp Pendleton Base Training Center, for all available Marines at MCB Camp Pendleton/1MEF

- Oct. 4, at 10:00 a.m. PME on the Korean Conflict at the MCB Camp Pendleton Base Training Center given by retired Maj. Gen. Palm and retired Lt. Gen. Trainor for MCB/1MEF, Marine Corps Recruit Depot and Miramar

Free financial seminar class available

Are you a newly married Marine? Do you just like to spend ... spend ... spend? Or are you nearing retirement with no nest egg?

Murphy Canyon Chapel is offering a free financial stewardship class, Thursday from 9 to 11 a.m. The class will cover such topics as:

- Debt management
- Asset management
- Investments
- Emergency Funds

Childcare will be provided free of charge.

Participants are asked to pre-register to ensure enough materials will be available.

For more information, call (619) 556-3570. For directions, call Gunnery Sgt. Brown at 577-1152.



Jaguars finish first season undefeated

Miramar beats H & S Bn 1st FSSG 14-7 in season ending nail-biter



photo by Staff Sgt. Ted L. Hansen

By Staff Sgt. Ted L. Hansen

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

Marine Corps Air Station Miramar's Jaguars finished their inaugural season in the Camp Pendleton Tackle Football League undefeated on the heels of the team's most humbling victory of the year, narrowly defeating the 9-2 Headquarters and Service Bn "Crusaders," 1st Force Service Support Group, 14-7 Monday night.

The stingy and punishing Jaguar defense had only allowed six points on one touchdown in the first eleven games, but ended the season giving up its largest total, a touchdown and an extra point.

Coach Richard L. Mohnney said he couldn't have asked for a better scenario. The Jaguars' defense was left with their backs to the wall by their offense twice in the game. "The first time they gave up a score. That let our defense know they were vulnerable and they're not perfect," said Mohnney. "The next time they

were put in that position they fought harder and shut them down."

Jaguars put their first seven on the board on their first possession of the game. Running back Dione Briscoe broke through the H&S defense for a more than 40-yard touchdown scamper on his second carry of the game. Kicker Kevin Mercier added the first of his two extra points on the night to finish the drive.

After a number of turnovers and failed drives, H&S punched into the end zone with less than a minute to go in the first half when quarterback Reggie Covington hit tight end Bruce Longton for a 30-yard pass play to the Miramar five. They completed the drive with another pass to Longton for six.

According to Mohnney, the handful of H&S's long pass plays to their tight ends were the fault of the coaches not adjusting the defense. However, they made the adjustment at the half and shut down the ends for the remainder of the game.



Miramar inside linebacker Lonnie Graves moves in to defend the pass and knocks the ball away from tight end Bruce Longton preventing a would-be touchdown pass late in the fourth quarter to secure the Jaguars victory and an undefeated 12-0 season. (Far left) Jaguar receiver Tim McLean dashes for the end zone after shaking off H&S tacklers. McLean's fourth quarter, 35-yard touchdown gave Miramar the lead for good in their 14-7 victory at Camp Pendleton Monday night.

photo by Staff Sgt. Ted L. Hansen

The 7-7 deadlock continued until midway through the fourth quarter. Miramar quarterback Aaron Sutton hit receiver Tim McLean on a slant pattern and McLean broke two tackles and ran in from 35 yards out.

H&S threatened with less than four minutes remaining, advancing as far as Miramar's six-yard line before being buffeted back to the 13-yard line. Despite the defense's earlier performance Mohnney said he was not worried at all.

"Had it been within the five, I would've been worried. But I had nine guys between the tackles and they weren't going to score on the ground from that far out," he said.

Apparently H&S agreed. They tested Miramar's defensive backfield on both sides. Jaguars came up big on two of the three pass attempts and the other would've been a touchdown but it was called back by an off sides penalty on the offense.

After the game the Jaguars

remained humble, not content to rest on their accomplishments thus far.

"Champions practice. There hasn't been anytime in our lives we haven't needed practice, so that's what we're going to do," Sutton told him teammates.

"This was the first time we had to fight back from adversity," said Mohnney. "We won that game on talent alone." He continued to announce that the team would have

Flightline run keeps runway busy

By Sgt. Troy M. Ruby

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

The flightline was busy with activity this past Saturday, not with the usual air traffic, but with a lot of foot and bicycle traffic.

Participants in the Runway 5K & 10K Fun Run & Flightline Bike Classic arrived early Saturday morning for the 7:30 start.

The race drew competitors from all over California for the annual opportunity to run the flightline. "It was really great, I really enjoyed it a lot," said Joanne Jerabek, a 10K-race participant. "It was a good course, fast pace; it was a neat set-up, running past the planes and all. I've never seen anything like that before."

Although most ran strictly for the enjoyment of it, for some, it was conditioning for upcoming events like Dave Larson, who participated in the wheelchair 10K. "I'm actually getting ready for the para-Olympics in Sydney, Australia. This was a great opportunity for me to get some speed work in before I leave in a couple of weeks," said Larson.

All total, there were about 1,200 runners and 853 bikers. With this many people, setting it up had to be a total team effort.

"We had to work with operations for the use of the flightline, different squadrons for the aircraft displays and the different vendors who had booths set-up," said Denise Fairbanks, the Marine Corps Community Services special events coordinator. "We want to thank everyone who came out to support this event, both sponsors and participants. It couldn't have happened without them."

The flightline was also open to the bicyclists who were allowed to circle the flightline as participants in the Bike Classic. This was an un-timed event.



photo by Sgt. Troy M. Ruby

The finish line for both the 5K and 10K Flightline Classic was a welcome sight for most of the more than 1200 runners who participated in the 5k/10k run on the flightline here Saturday.

The top 3 finishers in each category were:

Men's 5k run

1. Okwaro Raura 15:01
2. Jim Platske 15:38
3. Michael Mendoza 15:54

Women's 5k run

1. Patrice Malloy 18:34
2. Jamilett Odenwald 19:03
3. Lydia Tiede 19:30

Men's 10k run

1. Rich Brownsberger 31:36
2. James Stephens 31:48
3. Jay Belmarez 32:27

Women's 10K Run

1. Dolores Ware 36:45
2. Beth Ellickson 37:50
3. Kimberly Delaney 39:58

Team 10K Run Score

1. SoCal Roadrunners 1:57:23
2. Male Ego 2:02:29
3. Net Exchange 2:14:31

Gunny defines leadership at its best

By Sgt. Troy M. Ruby

CPAO, MCAS Miramar

Throughout the course of most Marines' careers, they find themselves meeting other Marines who stand out for one reason or another.

Standing out for his leadership skills is Gunnery Sgt. Patrick Young, the

Powerplants Division Chief for Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 11. He has proven himself to be one who leads by example to the 108 Marines subordinate to him.

"He's a really good example of what being a Marine is all about," said Cpl. Kristen Norwood a maintenance administration clerk. "He is always thinking about his troops first. It's like we're more a part of his family than anything else. I respect that."

Young, a meritoriously promoted

Gunnery Sgt., spends a lot of time in his office ensuring that his Marines are properly taken care of. He can also be found, during his day-to-day duties, in the different work sections just talking with his Marines. He feels that being with them while they are working is the best way for him to teach them proficiency, attention to detail and efficiency

"If Gunny's telling me to do something, it's because he's doing it or he's done it," Young said. "They need to believe that.

They need to have that confidence in you that when

you tell them something, your not just shooting from the hip, there's experience behind the directions you're giving.

"He's very proud of the success of his unit and it's physical fitness. He personally scored a 290 on his latest physical fitness test and encourages his Marines to work on their fitness level, both by

'He's a really good example of what being a Marine is all about'

Cpl. Kristen Norwood,
MALS-11, maintenance
administration clerk



photo by Sgt. Troy M. Ruby

Gunnery Sgt. Patrick Young works on maintenance files with Cpl. Lakala Davis, an aviation maintenance clerk. Young likes to spend time with his Marines to help keep them motivated about their jobs and the Marine Corps.

working out with him and on an individual basis.

"In my division, of all 108 Marines who just took the PFT, we had no failures. At least 6 Marines have been meritoriously promoted - some twice!"

Young began his Marine Corps career 15 years ago when he went to recruit training at Parris Island, SC. He then went to school in Meridian, MS and graduated as an aircraft maintenance analyst working on CH-46 helicopters. He then went to Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. to work with F/A-18s. The Pentagon

was his next stop in Washington D.C., from there he was transferred to the Commandants aircrew and then went to Okinawa, Japan. He next found himself in Brooklyn, NY as he recruited new Marines into the Corps, and finally here, MCAS Miramar at his current position.

Young has spent quite a lot of time attending schools such as Non-Commissioned Officers' Career Course and recruiting, and in each he graduated in the top 10 percent of his class. Just recently

See **Young**, page 10

Fire Safety



Fire Prevention Week learn if your family is really safe

By Susan Homan

Fire Inspector, MCAS Fire Department

We at the MCAS Miramar Fire Department would like to remind you of the upcoming Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 8-14.

Fire Prevention Week marks the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire of Oct. 9, 1891. The blaze, which lasted several days, claimed more than 250 lives and destroyed 17,430 structures.

Since 1998, the Fire Prevention Week theme has been "Fire Drills: The Great Escape." We want to encourage people to develop home fire escape plans, and most importantly, to practice these plans. Last year, more than half a million households participated in the second annual Unified North American Fire Drill.

This year's theme is: Fire Drills: The Great Escape 2000.

The more often children take part in

home exit drills, the more prepared they will be for a real emergency. Draw a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out (including windows) of every room. Discuss the escape routes with every member of your household.

Pick an outdoor meeting place, preferably in front of your home, and tell everyone to meet there after they've escaped. Then count heads and tell the fire department if anyone is still inside.

Hold a home fire drill twice a year. Make it realistic by pretending that there is smoke or fire. Practice using alternative exits by blocking some escape routes.

Remember! In a real fire, once you are out, stay out! Never go back into the building until the firefighters say it is safe. Make a home escape plan... and practice it!

For more information on this subject, stop by the Fire Prevention booth in front of the Exchange Oct. 10-12. We will have information handouts and other goodies for the kids. Contact the Miramar Fire Department at 577-1962 for more information.

MCAS
MARINE CORPS Community Services
Miramar

Visit us on the Web at:
www.mccsmiramar.com

'361,
continued from page 1

vibration test had to be done, said Bergum.

Limited parts in the supply system and having only a few Sikorsky teams qualified to put in the BMS added to the time it has taken to get any of these aircraft flying.

Sikorsky, who manufactured the aircraft, had one such team aboard Miramar. Because of their close proximity to '361 and because the squadron is next to depart on a Western Pacific deployment, they were the first to receive the new swashplates and have the BMS installed.

Once a BMS was installed the Marines of '361 had to replace the swashplate. Replacing the swashplate is a timely procedure that typically takes a six-man crew 60 hours to complete one swashplate change.

This procedure entails removing the rotor blades and every portion of the rotor in order to get to the swashplate, said Bergum. Despite the extensive maintenance required, 361 mechanics had three swashplates removed and new ones installed in 30 hours total.

Bergum said many Marines were surprised at the speed that the swashplates were replaced. However, he knew the Marines' pride in their work proved to be the motivation they needed. "These are their aircraft and their pride in work (drove them). Ultimately, they know if aircraft are flying it's because of them," said Bergum.

The squadron now has six of the seven aircraft flying at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, but there is still considerable down time for Marines.

"We're taking full advantage of this down time to maximize ground training opportunities for all HMH-361 Marines," said Lt. Col. Fred Wenger III, HMH-361 command-

ing officer.

This training includes getting ahead of annual training by sending Marines to advance technical schools, rifle and pistol range training, as well as battle skills training and primary marksmen instruction.

Despite the increase in training opportunities, Marine are glad to have the helos back in the air. "It's good to have them flying. Up there it's our own world and we love what we do," said Cpl. Justin Mowitz, HMH-361 crew chief.

3d MAW,
continued from page 1

vans each day, forming complete, working complexes. Ehnow said the ship is designed to hold 325 functioning vans when deployed in operational mode. He said the MALS capability would be able to support all 3d MAW fixed and rotary-wing assets operating in theatre at the sustained rate as indicated in operational orders.

Marines were quickly paired into teams upon arrival and a handful were singled out for their proficiency operating the ships "boom" cranes. However, Milton said all Marines were also trained to function as line tenders, helping steady the moving cargo when being lifted and lowered. All were trained to perform the duties of a signalman who direct the boom operator's movements with hand signals.

According to Milton, the experience was a first for most of the Marines involved. The exercise was the first time Lance Cpl. James Crimmins, parachute rigger, MALS-16, had been on a ship. He said the experience was a nice change and a change to meet and develop camaraderie with some of his MALS counterparts.

"It's exciting. It's something new. It gets me out of the shop and the everyday routine," said Crimmins.

Private First Class Michelle Davis, supply clerk, MALS-39, MCAS Pendleton, Calif. said the exercise demanded strict teamwork in order to succeed.

"It's a lot of trust and communication," she said while operating a boom. "If his judgement is off then my judgement is off," said Davis, referring to her reliance on the signalman's directions from below.

"By the end of the week about 95 percent (of the Marines) said they were confident they could absolutely do it if the call was given tomorrow," Milton said.

"This is probably one of the best exercises I've ever been on," said Sgt. Anthony Durante, calibration technician, MALS-13, MCAS Yuma, Ariz. "This exercise gives us experience to prepare for the real-world combat situation."

Boatswain Charles Bowen, a member of the ship's crew, said the Marines performed well throughout the exercise, just as Marines always have in Bowen's experience.

"They were attentive, willing to learn, willing to listen, proficient and enthusiastic," he said. "We always look forward to working with the Marines," Bowen said, noting it was also one of the crew's busiest times of the year.

Lt. Col. Gary Wiest, commanding officer, MALS-16 said the T-AVB program adds another dimension to the Corps' war-fighting capabilities. "To be able to go anywhere and support any model aircraft you want, in theatre, is incredible."

According to Ehnow, if called up, the ship would be loaded within eight days and would arrive in theatre within 30 days. Meanwhile,

MALS Marines would already be busy readying aircraft parts and supplies while in transit.

The exercise is part of a building process according to Ehnow. Ship's crew helped the MALS identify boom operators who will be earmarked to participate in 3d MAW's activation exercise scheduled for next spring or summer. During the exercise, MALS Marines will form a fully operation composite MALS and support an exercise such as a Combined Exercise from the ship. Ehnow said the exercise is a perfect example of the Corps "Operation Manuevers from the Sea" and ship-based, "Over the Horizon" doctrinal capabilities.

Free

Movies

Today

Hollow Man (R)

6:30 p.m.

Coyote Ugly (PG-13)

8:30 p.m.

Saturday

Godzilla 2000 (PG)

6:30 p.m.

The Nutty

Professor II (PG)

8:30 p.m.

Sunday

Thomas and the Magic Railroad(G)

1 p.m.

Scary Movie (R)

6:30 p.m.

Consequences,
continued from page 2

high roll'in and neck deep in a dangerous business. Before he got caught, he used drugs and fathered a child on a one-night stand. He has more than three years left on his four-year sentence. He now truly realizes the results of his actions.

"My son turned one about three weeks ago. One week before his birthday he took his 33rd trip to the emergency room. He has chronic bronchitis and really bad respiratory problems. Every time I call home I have to worry, this might be that phone call where my mom answers the phone and says sorry Joe he didn't make it this time," said Watson.

"I get to watch my kids grow up in pictures, hear their first words over the phone. For what, so I could be the man, so I could be your 'boy', so I could have all that money and 'sport' that fancy car. Ask me what I got now. I got this badge and this prison number, but thanks to God I've got my life. I could have very easily lost it."

Incarceration for drug offenses is not limited to enlisted Marines and Sailors, officers are serving time for the same type of offenses as enlisted, said G.A. Miller, NAVCON Brig technical director.

During the fiscal year 2000 there were 20 General Courts Martial, 90 Special Courts Martial, 42 Non-Judicial Punishments and 90 Administrative Separations from Miramar Marines and Sailors involvement with drugs.

Young,
continued from page 8

he attended the Advanced Course for Gunnery Sgt.'s and he finished 1st in a class of 70 Marines.

"I'm a very competitive person and of course I wanted to do my best, so I dedicated my time and effort and I came out number one," he said. "Honestly, I didn't really start thinking about it until the last couple of weeks of the course when people started talking about me being in the running."

He's married to his wife of 4 years, Deborah and has 2 children, 10 year old Danielle and 2 year old Nadia. Like most Marines, Young spends a lot of time at work, so when he is off, he likes to spend it with his family going to the zoo, parks and water parks.

When asked advice, Young offers this: "If you're planning on making the Marine Corps a career, you need to knock out the difficult things while you are still young. Go on that b-billet. Go to as many schools as you can. Don't duck responsibility. Ask for more responsibility. One day you're going to find yourself in a position of leadership. Then what are you going to do? You won't be able to help your Marines because you have never been in that position before. Get in there, stay in there and succeed by helping your Marines succeed."

Jaguars,
continued from page 6

one day off, then would be running sprints as a team from 5:30 a.m. Wednesday morning until sunrise. "Then we'll run through the X's and O's tired," Mohney proclaimed.

Mohney said the team has gone further than he anticipated in its first year. "My personal goal was to build a program and a team based on fundamental football. To have a winning season, constantly improving as the year progressed, and to hopefully make a good showing in the playoffs," he said. "I can't image an expansion football team walking into a league and dominating like this one did. Maybe it's luck, or then again, we just could be that good."

Nevertheless, Mohney said the Jaguars have yet hit their peak. "I think there are five teams that can win it all, it just depends on who's playing the best together at that time. All records are 0-0 right now and we must go into the playoffs thinking that way," he said. "We have to win three game to be crowned champions and believe me we are only looking at one game at a time. Hell, we're not the defending champs. Most teams don't even think we belong in their league, but we found a home this year and it's located main side Camp Pendleton."

Then he warned of coming changes. "I have a few adjustments on the defense and we still haven't implemented our complete offensive package yet, so I'll have a few surprises awaiting our challengers in the playoffs, said Mahoney." Round one of the league championship tournament is Oct. 10 at Camp Pendleton's main side field. Jaguars will play the first round winners in the second round match up on Oct. 16. The championship game will be played Oct. 30.

CFC,
continued from page 4

mer camp, a popular program for kids with neuromuscular diseases. MDA also helps families purchase and repair wheelchairs and leg braces, and conducts support groups. The Association maintains some 230 hospital-affiliated clinics, and a worldwide research program searching for treatments and cures.

For more information on MDA, call (800) 572-1717, or visit www.mdausa.org

The Muscular Dystrophy Association participates in the Combined Federal Campaign as a member of the Community Health Charities federation.

E-ideas,
continued from page 1

efficiently, as well as foster public trust in government, Cochran said.

The council has set up two contests: one for high school students and one for all others, he said.

The contests are open to anyone who has an idea, and are not limited to federal employees or their families.

The top cash prize for the high school contest is \$5,000, and a high school aged contestant must submit an entry idea in the category. Entries from students are not eligible in the second category, which has a top prize of \$50,000.

The deadline to submit entries is in the late fall, though an exact date had not been decide on, he said.

A panel of judges will select 10 finalists, all of whom will be brought to Washington, D.C., next year to make final oral presentations before the judges.

The council plans to select nationally known leaders from government agencies and the technology industry to judge the contest.

After the finalists are named, at least two winners, one from each category, will be chosen. It is hoped the winners will receive their awards during a ceremony at the White House, Cochran said.

The council began working on the contest this summer, right after President Clinton stated during his first-ever live Internet broadcast on June 24 that he was searching for a vision of innovative methods for electronic government, Cochran said.

For more information about the contest or to submit entries, log onto the council's Web site at www.excelgov.org.

Retention,
continued from page 2

lump sum bonus program, that kicks in Oct. 1, means the money would be paid all at once.

There are some requirements, however. For the technical controller MOS, only Marines in particular MOSs — field wiremen, multichannel equipment operators, ground mobile forces satellite communications radio, radio chiefs, communication center chiefs or small computer systems specialists — are eligible for lat move bonuses.

Other eligibility rules require that Marines be:

- On their second enlistment contract.
- Sergeants or staff sergeants with between five and eight years of service.
- Have 12 months minimum time on station with 36 months remaining on contract after completing the two-month school.

Drill,
continued from page 2

performance that involves the silent routine and even more if it is a multifaceted routine involving the band and color guard. The show can't be performed unless the performers are ready, or no one will want to come and see them again."

Once the team gets rolling, Hester hopes it will develop from performing regular close-order drill maneuvers to 'fancy' drill maneuvers and perhaps delve into some silent drill maneuvers. Hester has worked with precision drill teams in the past dating back to his high school days. His experience will bring things such as M-16s and comedy spoofs into the show. He also wishes to get the band and a color detail to put emphasis on our Marine professionalism.

To sign up for the drill team or for more information call Hester at 577-6601 or send him E-mail at hestertl@miramar.usmc.mil.

Air Show tickets on sale

General admission blanket seating at the Miramar Air Show is free, but several paid seating upgrades are offered.

The ultimate is the Semper Fi Chalet, which includes a continental breakfast, buffet lunch and snacks, beer, wine, soda and water, preferred parking and a complimentary souvenir program. Other choices include the Flight Deck Chalet, The Observation Deck Chalet, box seats and grandstand seating.

Ticket prices vary by location and show, but advance purchases will save you money. Visit Entertainment Tickets in Bldg. 2524, or call them at 577-1016. Tickets are also available through Ticketmaster, (619) 220-TIXS. Visit the website at www.miramarairshow.com for more Air Show seating and ticket information and a link to Ticketmaster.

Semper Fit offers massage special

Through Oct. 9, you can get \$10 off the regular \$40 cost of a massage, available every Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday (by appointment). Look for the flyer with the “\$10 Off” coupon, or call the Fitness Center, 577-4128.

Library observes Hispanic Heritage, Banned Book Week

The MCCS Library celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15 to Oct. 15, with a drawing for three books spotlighting Hispanics in America: Abuelita’s Heart; Remembering Serena: A Tribute in Pictures and Words; or Contemporary American Success

Stories: Famous People of Hispanic Heritage. Sign up at the Library, Bldg. 5305, by Oct. 12 for the Oct. 16 giveaway.

The Library notes, “The freedom to read is about choice and respecting the right of others to choose for themselves and their families . . . it is one of the most precious freedoms we have in democratic society.” Accordingly, the Library is observing Banned Book Week, Sept. 25 – 30, with four Harry Potter books to be awarded Oct. 2. Register to win a free book at the Library, Bldg. 5305. Call 577-1261 for details.

Semper Fit offers tennis instruction

USPTA-certified “Professional 1” instructor Johnny Sanchez is available for private and group tennis lessons. Sanchez, a former Al-Navy Champion and 1997 USPTA San Diego Division Player of the Year, has adult group intermediate/advanced and beginner/low intermediate classes, children’s classes and junior clinics. Call the Fitness Center at 577-4128, the Youth Center at 577-4136, or Johnny Sanchez at (858) 485-5135.

Area 51 plans comedy shows

Mark Oct. 7 on your calendar – Bobby Law will host a comedy show from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. (doors open at 8 p.m.). There’s a \$5 cover charge. Then, on Oct. 18, Bryan McDaniel brings a Hypnotist Show to the Club. There’s a \$3 cover. Call 577-7968 for more information.

Area 51 hosts Halloween salsa

Wear your favorite contest to Area 51’s “Salsa Masquerade” on Tuesday, Oct. 31, and you might win a trip to Las Vegas! There’s a \$2 cover. Area 51—The E-Club is in the Enlisted Entertainment Center, Bldg. 5509. Call 577-7968 for details.

Walkin’ Footloose

A new fitness program – Walkin’ Footloose – starts Monday, Oct. 2, and continues power-walking every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. All ages and abilities are welcome. There’s no fee – it’s free – and strollers and joggers are also welcome! Call the Fitness Office for details, 577-4129.

Volleyball leagues to start

Six-on-six volleyball leagues start Oct. 1. Games are played one night a week at 5:15 and 6:15 p.m. (depending on number of entries). Leagues will play at the main gym, Semper Fit Fitness Center. Individuals are welcome; they will find a team for you! Sign up at the Gym, or call 577-1202.

Women’s basketball starts soon

Varsity women’s basketball starts in October. Tryouts started Monday at the Main Gym, 6 to 8 p.m. Practice will be this Monday through Thursday, 6 to 8 p.m. All active duty and family members are welcome. Contact Master Sgt. Stewart at 577-7959.

Racquetball Tourney coming soon

A singles racquetball tournament will run Oct. 23 – Nov. 10, with match times at 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Monday through Friday. All games will be played on the Main Gym courts. Sign up at the Gym, or call 577-1202.

Get Legoland fall season pass at ITT

Now through Sept. 30, if you buy a ticket to Legoland, you can exchange it there for a free Fall Season Pass, which you can use until it expires Dec. 24.

Your military ID is required. Flyers with details are available at the Entertainment Ticket Office, Bldg. 2524; call 577-4126 for details.

Legoland has some special October offers: Go any day in October and get a second day free, or visit Legoland during their Fleet Week promotion, Oct. 20 – 21, and you can purchase up to six one-day admission tickets for \$15 each.

WWF tickets on sale

World Wrestling Federation *Attitude* will be at the Sports Arena Oct. 8 at 7:00 p.m. The Entertainment Ticket Office, Bldg. 2524, has Center Terrace tickets for only \$24.00! There is a limited supply, so don’t wait! Tickets will be available until noon Monday, or until supplies last. Call 577-4126 for more information.